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SUBJECT: ASIAN PEACE CONFERENCE

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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN OPENING ADDRESS TO THREE- DAY
ASIAN PEACE CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY, MUJIB
CONDEMNED THE ARMS RACE, ACCUSED PAKISTAN OF A
HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARD BDLUSEARCH FOR PEACE,
CALLED FOR PEACE ZONE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA INCLUDING
SUBCONTINENT, IAND ACCEPTED THE JOLIOT CURIE PEACE
MEDAL ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BENGALIEE NATION.
END SUMMARY.

1. MUJIB STATED THAT THE " MAD RACE FOR ARMAMENTS
BY SOME OF THE AGGRESSIVE BIG POWERS" MADE
" MEANINGLESS THEIR PIOUS DECLARATIOIS OF ECONOMIC

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ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING NATIONS". HE CALLED FOR THE DIVERSION OF MILITARY FUNDS TO THE WELFARE OF THE POOR. BANGLADESH, HE SAID, PURSUED ITS POLICY OF NON- ALIGNMENT, FRIENDSHIP TO ALL AND MALICE TOWARD NONE BY KEEPING ALOOF FROM MILITARY POWER BLOCKS. BECAUSE BANGLADESH IS " FACING AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FOOD AND CLOTHING" AND NEEDS PEACE TO SUCCEED IN ITS DESPERATE BATTLE, HE AGAIN CALLED FOR DECLARING SOUTHEAST ASIA INCLUDING THE SUBCONTINENT AS AN AREA OF PEACE. ACCUSING PAKISTAN OF " INTRANSIGENCE" IN REFUSING TO RECOGNIZE THE " NEW REALITIES OF THE SUBCONTINENT", MUJIB SAID PAKISTAN ANSWERED THE JOINT INDO- BANGLADESH DECLARATION PUT FORWARD TO SOLVE THE HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS AND CREATE CONDITIONS CONDUCTIVE TO ENDURING PEACE BY ILLEGALLY PUTTING INNOCENT BENGALIS IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS. HE CALLED THE WORLD' S ATTENTION TO A FURTHER " IMPEDIMENT TO ANY HONEST INITIATIVE FOR A DURABLE PEACE" -- THAT " SOME COUNTRIES ARE ALSO BUSY ARMING PAKISTAN WITH NEW KINDS OF MILITARY HARDWARES".

2. OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED ABDUS SAMAD, AGMIN AND BANGLADESH WORLD PEACE COUNCIL PRESIDENT; RAMESH CHANDRAFLPC SECRETARY GENERAL; K. KAMALOV.:7#3-\$ 9* 9;835 \$3)3&-589,; MRS. CHEDDI JAGAN OF GUYANA; AND LEADERS OF THE PRG, IRAQI AND INDIAN DELEGATIONS. MESSAGES WERE RECEIVED FROM INDIRA GANDHI, KOSYGIN, IRAQI PRESIDENT, YEMENI PRESIDENT, AND MONGOLIAN PM. MOST SPEECHES STANDARD ATTACKS ON IMPERIALISM, NEO- COLONIALISM, WARMONGERS . SOVIET DELEGATE' S REMARKS AS REPORTED LOCAL PRESS MODERATE IN TONE. HE DESCRIBED INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AS " TRAN- SITIONAL ONE" FROM COLD WAR TO GENERAL RELAXATION OF WORLD TENSION AND CALLED FOR RESOLUTION ASIAN ISSUES WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION, LIQUIDATION ON IMPERIALIST MILITARY BASES IN ASIA, AND A COLLECTIVE ASIAN SECURITY SYSTEM. HE SAID THE REALIZATION OF PROPOSALS IN JOINT DECLARATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD BE IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD RESTORING " GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS" BETWEEN BANGLADESH, INDIA, AND PAKISTAN. RAMESH CHANDRA SAID THAT IMPERIALISTS DID NOT WANT PERMANENT PEACE ON THE SUBCONTINENT AND WERE CONSPIRING TO PREVENT NORMALIZATION. THE SUPPLY OF IMPERIALIST ARMS TO PAKISTAN BY THIRD COUNTRIES DEMONSTRATED THIS.

3. DELEGATES TOTAL 76 FROM 26 COUNTRIES. SOLE
AMERICAN DELEGATE LISTED IS A DEAN REED, DESCRIBED
IN LOCAL PRESS AS " FAMOUS SINGER AND FILM ACTOR".

4. AT A JSD RALLY YESTERDAY, ABDUR RAB
CRITICIZED THE CONFERENCE, SAID PEACE COULD NOT
COME TO A PEOPLE BEING " BUTCHERED" BY GOVERNMENT.
JSD PRESIDENT JALIL SAID THAT " PEACE CANNOT COME
TO THE BELLIES OF THE HUNGRY MILLIONS OF THE
COUNTRY BY RELEASING DOVES".
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